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General Government Committee

Minutes

Date: March 3, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers or Electronic Participation
Municipal Administrative Centre
40 Temperance Street, 2nd Floor
Bowmanville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor G. Anderson, Councillor S. Elhajjeh, Councillor L. Rang, Councillor C. Traill, Councillor W. Woo

Regrets: Mayor A. Foster, Councillor M. Zwart

Staff Present: J. Gallagher, L. Turcotte, D. Lyons, T. Pinn, L. Reck

Other Staff Present: M. Chong, C. Lyon

1. Call to Order

Councillor Rang called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Recess

Resolution # GG-038-25

Moved by Councillor Traill

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

That the Committee recess for 10 minutes to address technical issues.

Carried

The meeting reconvened at 9:55 a.m. with Councillor Rang in the Chair.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Councillor Anderson led the meeting in the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest stated at this meeting.

4. Announcements

Members of Committee announced upcoming community events and matters of community interest.

5. Presentations/Delegations**5.1 Presentation by Steve Gregoris, Chief Nuclear Officer, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Regarding a Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Update**

Steve Gregoris, Chief Nuclear Officer, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) was present to provide a Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Update. Using an electronic presentation, Steve acknowledged the territory and treaty lands of the Darlington and Pickering Sites. S. Gregoris provided an overview of Darlington Nuclear and the refurbishment outage schedule. Steve explained the Darlington New Nuclear Project and roadmap. S. Gregoris noted that OPG continuously engages with the local community through its comprehensive public outreach and community program. Steve explained the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission licensing process and Darlington's Nuclear Generation Station licence renewal timeline. S. Gregoris stated that the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station power reactor operating licence renewed for a 30-year licence term from December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2055, and answered questions from Members of Committee.

Resolution # GG-039-25

Moved by Councillor Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Woo

That the Presentation by Steve Gregoris, Chief Nuclear Officer, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Regarding a Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Update, be received with thanks.

Carried

5.2 Delegation by Lindsay Freeburn, Regarding Report CAO-005-25 - Clarington Cellular Service Enhancement Project Update #2

Lindsay Freeburn was present regarding Report CAO-005-25, the Clarington Cellular Service Enhancement Project. Lindsay expressed concerns about the Tyrone Community Centre being a potential site for a tower. She stated that Tyrone residents are opposed to the tower, as the Centre is the only outdoor space where residents gather and play sports. Lindsay mentioned that a petition signed by over 96% of the villagers contacted in the Hamlet of Tyrone, reflects this opposition. She also shared concerns from other residents, noting that a cell tower would consume valuable parking spots. Additionally, Lindsay expressed concerns about safety for children and potential health implications, and she answered questions from Members of the Committee.

6. Consent Agenda

Resolution # GG-040-25

Moved by Councillor Elhajjeh
Seconded by Councillor Woo

That all items listed in Section 6, be approved, in accordance with the Agenda.

Carried

6.1 Correspondence from Maria Petri, Chief Executive Officer, Bowmanville Hospital Foundation, Regarding a Request for Signage for the We Care, We Can Awareness Initiative

Resolution # GG-041-25

That the request of the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation We Care, We Can Awareness Initiative, to locate mobile signs from May 1, 2025 to September 2, 2025, at the following locations be approved:

Bowmanville:

Liberty & Baseline – at Tourism property

King St between the CP Rail and Bowmanville Ave.

Newcastle:

King Avenue (north side between Massey Drive and Given Road)

Newcastle Public Library, Joseph Atkinson Parkette

Fire Hall Property

Courtice:

Corner of Highway 2 and Trulls Rd. (north side) Trulls Road Parkette

Local Facilities:

Courtice Community Complex

Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex

Diane Hamre Complex

South Courtice Arena

6.2 FSD-006-25 - 2024 Annual Leasing Report

Resolution # GG-042-25

That Report FSD-006-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received for information.

6.3 FSD-007-25 - 2024 Annual Commodity Hedging Report

Resolution # GG-043-25

That Report FSD-007-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received for information.

6.4 FSD-009-25 - 2024 Annual Council and Local Board Appointees Remuneration Report

Resolution # GG-044-25

That Report FSD-009-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received for information.

6.5 FSD-010-25 - Consulting Services for the Downtown Newcastle Streetscape Improvements

Resolution # GG-045-25

That Report FSD-010-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the proposal received from Brook McIlroy, being the highest scoring proponent meeting all terms, conditions and specifications of RFP2024-9, be awarded the contract for the provision of Consulting Services for the Downtown Newcastle Streetscape Improvements;

That the funds required to complete this project be funded from the approved budget and

That all interested parties listed in Report FSD-010-25, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

6.6 PUB-003-25 - Traffic Calming Policy

Resolution # GG-046-25

That Report PUB-003-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the policy and all its supporting documents attached to Report PUB-003-25, as Attachment 1, be approved; and

That all interested parties listed in Report PUB-003-25, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

6.7 CAO-004-25 - Bowmanville Hospital Foundation and Marigold Hospice

Resolution # GG-047-25

That Report CAO-004-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the CAO be directed to provide support to help advance the fundraising and public awareness efforts of the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation and Marigold Hospice; and

That all interested parties listed in Report CAO-004-25, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

6.8 CAO-005-25 - Clarington Cellular Service Enhancement Project Update #2

Resolution # GG-048-25

That Report CAO-005-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received for information.

7. Items for Separate Discussion

7.1 FSD-008-25 - Trade Dispute and Opportunities for Clarington

Resolution # GG-049-25

Moved by Councillor Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Elhajjeh

That Report FSD-008-25 be received;

That Council requests that the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada introduce legislation, to support municipal efforts to favour Canadian bidders in their procurements and reduce inter-provincial trade barriers;

That Council requests the Province of Ontario to review the Discriminatory Business Practices Act to ensure that it appropriately supports Canadian supply chains;

That Staff continue to work with other municipalities to explore methods to support Canadian businesses;

That Staff continue to monitor Federal and Provincial federal responses to US tariffs and report back as more options become available for Clarington to support Canadian businesses; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 PDS-002-25 - North Bowmanville Dog Park Site Selection

Resolution # GG-050-25

Moved by Councillor Elhajjeh

Seconded by Councillor Woo

Whereas Staff were directed to locate and develop an off leash dog park in north Bowmanville as part of the 2021 capital budget;

And whereas Staff Report [PDS-002-25](#) presented at February 3, 2025 General Governance Committee provided a proposed location for a dog park and analysis illustrating that there were no municipally owned lands in north Bowmanville that meet the siting criteria contained in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan;

And whereas [Resolution #GG-031-25](#) directed:

“That Report PDS-002-25 – North Bowmanville Dog Park Site Selection, be referred to the March 3, 2025, General Government Committee meeting; and

That Staff consult with Valleys 2000 regarding the preferred location.”;

And whereas Valleys 2000, in a letter dated February 25, 2025, objects to the proposed location.

Now therefore, be it resolved that that Report PDS-002-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received for information;

That Staff be directed to report back to a future Planning and Development Committee with recommendations for a new dog park when municipal lands, that meet the criteria outlined in the Parks Recreation and Culture Master Plan, become available in north Bowmanville; and

That Staff be directed to bring forward a budget request through the appropriate annual budgeting process for the new dog park location, when available, and in the meantime return the remaining budget of \$195,533.89 to the Parks and Recreation Development Charge Reserve Fund.

Carried as Amended Later in the Meeting

See following motions

Resolution # GG-051-25

Moved by Councillor Elhajjeh

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow Members of Committee to speak to the foregoing Resolution #GG-050-25 for a second time.

Carried

Recess

Resolution # GG-052-25

Moved by Councillor Traill

Seconded by Councillor Woo

That the Committee recess for 5 minutes.

Carried

The meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m. with Councillor Rang in the Chair.

Resolution # GG-053-25

Moved by Councillor Traill

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

That the foregoing Resolution #GG-050-25 be amended by adding the following at the end:

That Paragraph 3 be deleted; and

That Paragraph 2 be amended as follows:

That the words "to be opened in the summer of 2025" be added after the words "new dog park";

and

That the words "with the exception of Criteria "B"" be added after the words "Master Plan".

Yes (4): Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, and Councillor Traill

No (1): Councillor Woo

Absent (2): Mayor Foster, and Councillor Zwart

Carried on a recorded vote (4 to 1)

Main Motion as Amended

Resolution # GG-054-25

Moved by Councillor Elhajjeh

Seconded by Councillor Woo

Whereas Staff were directed to locate and develop an off leash dog park in north Bowmanville as part of the 2021 capital budget;

And whereas Staff Report [PDS-002-25](#) presented at February 3, 2025 General Governance Committee provided a proposed location for a dog park and analysis illustrating that there were no municipally owned lands in north Bowmanville that meet the siting criteria contained in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan;

And whereas [Resolution #GG-031-25](#) directed:

"That Report PDS-002-25 – North Bowmanville Dog Park Site Selection, be referred to the March 3, 2025, General Government Committee meeting; and

That Staff consult with Valleys 2000 regarding the preferred location.";

And whereas Valleys 2000, in a letter dated February 25, 2025, objects to the proposed location.

Now therefore, be it resolved that that Report PDS-002-25, and any related delegations or communication items, be received for information;

That Staff be directed to report back to a future Planning and Development Committee with recommendations for a new dog park to be opened in the summer of 2025 when municipal lands, that meet the criteria outlined in the Parks Recreation and Culture Master Plan, with the exception of Criteria "B", become available in north Bowmanville.

Yes (4): Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, and Councillor Traill

No (1): Councillor Woo

Absent (2): Mayor Foster, and Councillor Zwart

Carried on a recorded vote (4 to 1)

9. New Business

9.1 Marigold Hospice Hike and Bike Fundraiser (Councillor Woo)

Resolution # GG-055-25

Moved by Councillor Woo

Seconded by Councillor Anderson

Whereas Marigold Hospice Care would like to organize a Hike or Bike fundraiser on Sunday, September 21, 2025, and use 2 acres of the neighbouring land owned by the Municipality of Clarington for the fundraiser, and

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington's field is leased for farming, but the farmer has agreed to plant crops that will be harvested prior to the fundraiser so both can be accommodated;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council endorse the use of Municipally owned lands south of Marigold Hospice Care (1785 Cobbledick Road) for use with their Hike or Bike Fundraiser on September 21, 2025, and

That the Marrigold Hospice Care, Lance Crago and any other interested parties be notified of Council's decision.

Yes (5): Councillor Anderson, Councillor Elhajjeh, Councillor Rang, Councillor Traill, and Councillor Woo

Absent (2): Mayor Foster, and Councillor Zwart

Carried on a recorded vote (5 to 0)

10. Confidential Items

10.1 LGS-008-25 - Legal Advice on Trade Dispute and Opportunities for Clarington

Resolution # GG-056-25

Moved by Councillor Elhajjeh

Seconded by Councillor Woo

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report LGS-008-25 - Legal Advice on Trade Dispute and Opportunities for Clarington, be approved.

Carried

11. Adjournment

Resolution # GG-057-25

Moved by Councillor Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Elhajjeh

That the meeting adjourn at 11:38 a.m.

Carried